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Voters Approve Bond

A school bond referendum was held in East Brunswick by the Board of Education on December 11, 1973.

The following two questions appeared on the ballot:

1. For approval of issuing bonds in the amount of $2,063,000 for the remodeling and renovation of nine elementary schools.

2. For approval of bonds in the amount of $850,000 for the purchase of 46.1 acres of land adjacent to the present high school for future building.

Approval of the second question on the ballot will lead to the purchase of the land next to the high school and then holding a second bond referendum in the spring for an additional high school building. Approval of the construction of an additional building presents the possibility of eliminating overcrowding in the secondary schools in the next three years.

EBHS Accredidation Depends On State Evaluation in March

Every ten years, East Brunswick High School is evaluated by the Middle Atlantic States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. On March 25, 26, and 27, 1974, twenty-seven representatives from this evaluating committee will visit E.B.H.S.

During these three days at E.B.H.S. their job will be to observe the school and the surrounding community, and the curriculum. They will be considering the number of programs, the number of course offerings available to the students, and the number of teachers in comparison with the amount of students. They will also be learning how well the programs are implemented. They will note whether there are adequate facilities and equipment to accommodate these programs.

For the past weeks, each member of the E.B.H.S. staff and administration has been participating on one of the twenty-five committees representing the many different areas of the school. These committees cover everything from English, Mathematics, and Social Studies to Student Activities and Co-Op. The committees will then get get together and write a self-evaluation of individual programs to form a complete school self-evaluation.

This self-evaluation will then be sent to the evaluating committee and they will study it. When they visit the school in March, they will be comparing our self-evaluation to their own evaluation of the school. From this the visiting evaluating committee will inform the administration of the school's assets and of areas in which improvement is needed.

Mr. Guidoboni, chairman of the Steering Committee, says that this year's school evaluation will certainly be a success because of the various state and self-evaluations that have been keeping the programs up to date during the past ten years. He, along with the other members of the administration, are confident that E.B.H.S. will remain accredited.

Fall Sports Wrap-up: Pg. 4

Jr. Class Officers overjoyed at reimbursement of stolen dance profits.

Cheaper... Attains Mediocre Level

In the opinion of the reporters covering the Drama Club's performance of **Cheaper By The Dozen,** the original version as a comedy was far superior to the adaptation to a musical comedy. With rare exception, it is imposible to remember the melody of the song. In particular, the love ballads and soliloquys detracted from the play rather than enhance it. However, the actors and actresses all did an excellent job despite the material with which they were presented. The audience, too, sensed this on opening night as they were a bit hesitant.

One of the more enjoyable numbers was "Hey Angel" featuring David Elenberg, John Malatesta, and Rick Siegel. Another was "Eskimo" in which David Taubenslag rose to the occasion and performed with great ability.

Many will agree that the dance numbers were the liviest parts of the show. According to Deneece Gurney who helped choreograph the play, ". . . it was very difficult getting everyone to work. The dancing could have been a lot better except for a lack of cooperation —but at the end they all pulled together and it should be pretty good." A great deal of work was put in, and perhaps the best part was when the cast did the Charleston and Betsy Wristen was featured.

The orchestra was conducted by Dr. Kimmel, who many members of the orchestra call a "great" conductor. Considering that the musicians had only practiced for a few weeks, they did a good job. They worked very hard and the cast appreciated it for the play could not have been done without them.

Mr. Taubenslag, who directed the production stated that " . . . some kids put in many hours, some did not, and some didn't have to." The general consensus is that Mr. T is invaluable because he can do "everything." Jon Fernino, who played Mr. Gilbreath was overheard saying "Thank God we have a Mr. T." It was his genuine concern and cheerful attitude that made the play a reality.

Some noteworthy performances were displayed by Jenni Smith, Margaret Shyne, Cathy Nolan, and Marian Neuwirth. And although they did not have very large roles in the play, Debbie Taubenslag and Susan Strasberg worked endless hours on choreography and costumes respectively.

Chorus Sang At Tree Lighting

The Christmas Tree Lighting Program took place on December 17th. Bill Stafford and Joanne Brown were in charge of the preparations made by the Student Council, the sponsor of the annual event.

One of the events that night was the lighting of the tree. This took place in front of East Brunswick High School.

At 8:00 p.m. there was a Chorus program in the auditorium. During the program the Mixed Chorus, Choir, Bel Cantos, Barbershops and Mixed Ensemble, all under the direction of Miss Barbara Allen, sang seasonal selections. The program ranged from two French carols to such contemporary favorites as "White Christmas" and "Do you hear what I hear?" The Chorus concluded their program with "Carol of the Bells" preceded by their traditional invitation to Chorus alumnae to come to the stage and join them in this Christmas melody.

Following the musical program, refreshments were served in the cafeteria along with the promised visit from Santa Claus.

The Chorus also gave two assemblies for Irwin School, and the Choir attended a holiday chorus festival at Perth Amboy High School. The Choir, joined by small ensembles, performed at Brunswick Square Mall on December 18th.

happy new year
happy hanukkah
merry christmas
from the clarion

Jon Fernino (r) leads the cast in song.

Some Seniors To Leave At Semester Break

Not all seniors will attend East Brunswick High School the second semester. The following students scheduled their high school credit fulfilments in such a way as to allow them to stop attending classes after January 28: Robert Burgess, Sydney Bevington, Gene Clark, James Connelly, William Dalton, Cynthia Daniels, Joyce Dipano, Gary Ellingham, Rosemary Filardi, Cora Fischer, George Germenn, Susan Harmon, Mary Haremza, Vivian Hielm, Stephen King, Elaine Raabe, Michele Rojewski, Daniel Russell, Joan Salvesen, Barb Sampson, Sue Rhodes, Karen Retter, Elizabeth Wristen, Jennifer Sullivan, Mark Wright, Grace Travers, Debra Stine, Brian Wallenstein, Joann Wentz, and Jan Wolf.

A large number of the 600 or more twelfth grade students have already made plans for the time period between January 25 and June 14. Some students plan to attend another school immediately after January 25. Others will be working in order to have the money for their further education. Still others are completing their credit requirements early so they can have a headstart in the working world. Whatever the plans of these seniors, their decisions for the future are not far off.

Calendar Of Events

ALL HOME GAMES

BASKETBALL:
Jan. 5—Carteret
Jan. 9—Perth Amboy
Jan. 15—St. Peter's

BOYS GYMNASTICS:
Jan. 5—Ridgewood
Jan. 16—Northern Highlands
Feb. 12—Henry Hudson

WRESTLING:
Jan. 11—Perth Amboy
Jan. 22—JFK
Jan. 26—Madison

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This afternoon you will be asked to participate in one of the following festivities, which have been arranged by Student Council in celebration of the forthcoming holidays. Beginning at 12:45 there will be a hypnotist performing, a movie, an Old Film Festival, a square dance, and an alumni reception.

The hypnotist, Dr. Ross, will perform in the gym, and he strongly encourages student participation. The movie, entitled "Little Big Man," starring Dustin Hoffman, will be shown in the auditorium. Tickets, which have been available in the Student Council Office, are required for admission. The Old Film Festival will feature some of the old flicks, such as "The Little Rascals", in room 93 for about an hour. The alumni reception will be held in rooms 14 and 15.

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Vacation Time Reserved To Ski

During Christmas vacation the 250 members of the Ski Club will have an opportunity to attend trips to Great Gorge, Vernon Valley, and Hunter Mountain. There will be several different day trips to the three resort areas during the holidays.

The ski trips, depending on the weather, will start December 8 and continue for most week-ends up until Easter time, according to Mr. Grodstein, one of the advisors of the club.

In the early months of 1974, there are several overnight trips scheduled. They include:

1 week-end in January to New Hampshire, 3 days for Washington's birthday in Canada, 1 week-end in March in Vermont, and the last trip of the season will be 4 days in April, to Maine. The EBHS Ski Club supports four racing teams, an A and B team for both boys and girls.

The four teams are in the Central Jersey League competing against other schools in the Central Jersey area. The winners of the league will meet for state championships. Mr. Beir takes care of the four racing teams at EBHS.

The Ski Club is trying to get the racing teams approved as a varsity sport for next year. However, this will depend on how much money is in the budgets for next year.

From the Editor's Desk:

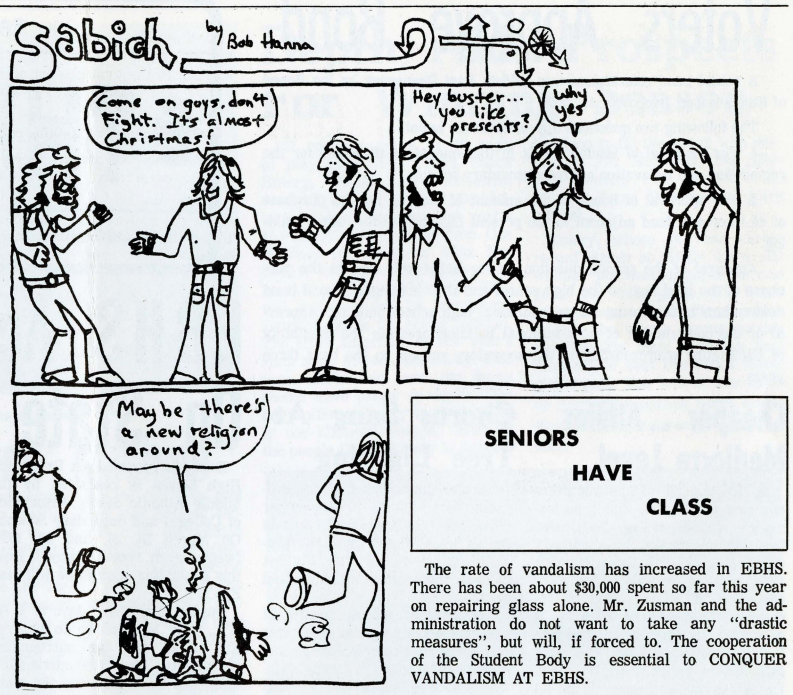
Change In Attitude Needed To Negate Lack of Spirit

At this time of year, when the spirit of peace and goodwill should supposedly be finding its way to our hearts, we discover that for a good many of us, the spirit has lost its way. As much as we have it hammered into our brains by songs, gifts, and slogans, the true holiday spirit does not prevail in our actions.

In the community, the lack of spirit can be strongly felt. At this especially busy time for retail stores, it seems that short tempers and cross words abound at check-out counters. When Martin found himself without a pen, the aged woman he was waiting on came out with this remark. "Young man, I am in a hurry and I think you should have a writing implement. Here is a pencil." Martin used the pencil to write up her cash refund and move her away from the register. Such scenes happen so often, they can be called typical. The many people who will drive on public roads after a party and one too many drinks are taking into their hands the lives of many people. They are, pardon the pun, filled with the "wrong" holiday spirit.

Even within EBHS no change has occured. It had been hoped that the Christmas Tree Lighting and the signing of holiday songs could have boosted morale. Today's program of activities can certainly help to usher in some holiday spirit. For this to occur, we must recognize that a true holiday spirit is generated by a change in our own attitude. The words, care and concern, must be added to our vocabulary when we speak of family, friends, and yes, even total strangers. Instead of decorating your home with electric bulbs, we hope you will decorate your heart with some of that good 'Ol holiday spirit.

Peace.


Sabich
by Bob Hanna
Come on guys, don't Fight. It's almost Christmas!
Hey buster... you like presents?
Why yes
Maybe there's a new religion around?

SENIORS HAVE CLASS

The rate of vandalism has increased in EBHS. There has been about $30,000 spent so far this year on repairing glass alone. Mr. Zusman and the administration do not want to take any "drastic measures", but will, if forced to. The cooperation of the Student Body is essential to CONQUER VANDALISM AT EBHS.

Fireside Buzz Around EBHS

by Debbie Stempel

Recently, a strange insect, repulsive as the locust, but less particular in its feeding habits, descended on East Brunswick. Although, it has a fancy scientific name, Pyrophorus noctilucus, it is more often referred to by its common name, firebug.

Swift and sly, often camouflaged by his friends in the bug family, who are delighted and amused by his antics, it takes more than "RAID" to stop him. While his natural habitat is latrines, trash cans, lockers (?), or fields, he seems to have an amazing proclivity for certain seats of learning called schools. He has been gifted with an unusual ability to create pyrotechnic displays for his naive, unsuspecting audiences.

Alas, while experimenting with new incendiaries for the stimulation of his cohorts, he achieved something far greater than his wildest expectations. However, there was one catch; he forgot to devise a plan to confine the bounds of his conflagration. Fleeing frantically from the suddenly out of control blaze, firebug and his friends, cutbug, truantbug, flunkbug, and apathybug, trampled on poor, sweet, innocent, slow-moving, little ladybug. Injured, helpless, crying ladybug was trapped by the noxious smoke from firebug's experiment.

The following day, firebug and his friends found themselves crying beside the grave of their dear friend, ladybug. "Gee, all I wanted was a little fun," firebug wailed.

"I told ya we should've stopped 'im," cutbug said.

"Gee, maybe I should've told somebody," apathybug sniffled.

And another little bug was heard to remark, "Poor firebug". He'll have to find a new place to frolic now that his favorite haunts are all burned up."

Then a group of bugs buzzed in unison, "Gosh, we're sorry. Maybe we could've done something."

Flunkbug zinged his buddy, "Hey, tattlebug, you missed your big chance to be a hero."

"But it's too late now," snapped and-I-told-you-so-bug.

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Letter to the Editor:

Old Solution For New Problem

Listening to the news, I was made aware of the fact that gas rationing is almost definitely going to start in mid-'74. They said that people (especially in the suburbs) would have to start using public transporatation. Thinking back, I remember something about a bus that went up and down Rt. 18 every hour or so (in 1971). Do we still have that? If we do, could you please print its schedule and stops?

D. G.

P.S. If we don't have it anymore, how can we get started again?

Personal Memories Of Mr. Rishar

by J. Balsamello

He would walk into my seventh period Driver Ed. Class and break up the students by saying, "Hey D. J. do a meatloaf!" From that point on, I would have to fight the class' insistence to perform our infamous act. Meanwhile, Mr. Rishar is prodding the class even more.

It was typical of Mr. Rishar, his devil-may-care attitude, but he was really interested in his work and his students. We all know how well students related to him.

Mr. Rishar's death was certainly a severe shock to everyone who knew him and loved him. Our mourning is a natural and a necessary emotional reaction. But Mr. Rishar would not want us to think of him and grieve. He would want us to think of him and crack a smile for some funny thing he's said or for some crazy thing he's done.

I remember the good times with "Rish"—that means all the times because they were all good.

by Miss Gavron

Jimmy was a man who was sensitive to the feelings of both students and teachers. I can remember him talking with his kids and sincerely trying to help them over their difficulties. Many times students would stop him in the hall or seek him out in his room in order to be buoyed up by his smile and his genuine interest.

He was a dear friend that will be missed by not only me, but many others. However, remembering his great sense of humor and the strengh it gave him, let us think only of the good times. Let us remember his joy for living and the laughter he brought us. Some of us can smile over his fourth period class prank pulled on me and his laughter at my fourth period class' visit with Dorian Grey. I remember laughing at his stories of his R.O.T.C. days and remarking to myself how great it is to know a person who has such a marvelous ability to accept and even laugh at his own weaknesses and mistakes.

We will all feel his loss for a long time to come.

Poll Shows Majority Smoke

The results of a poll given to a sample of high school student body, show that close to half of the students questioned smoke cigarettes. Another important finding was that while 86 percent of the smokers know that smoking is harmful to one's health, only a select few have successfully abolished this habit from their daily routine.

Conducted at East Brunswick High School on October 12, the poll consisted of approximately 200 randomly chosen students. The pollsters were students themselves, members of a Contemporary American Issues course offered at EBHS.

The poll found that only 14 percent of the students that once smoked have quit, and that almost twice as many females as males were found to be smokers. The most popular reason for quitting was considering smoking a health hazard. Another reason was that it was an overly expensive habit. On the other hand, parental pressure was found to be the lowest ranking reason for quitting.

A Tribute... To Mr. Rishar

by M. Lazar

how does this all look to you
my dear departed friend
all these tears being cried for you
as if it was the end.

but it can never be the end
this you and i both know
for you have taught us how to love
and love will always show.

in your smile and eyes i see
a wisdom and a pride
as if you wished the world could know
the way you felt inside.

i'll treasure this memory as long as i can
and learn from the gifts that you've given
for if somebody loves you, no matter what comes
your reason for life goes on living.

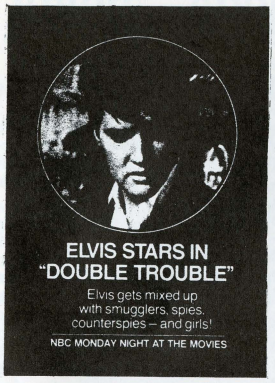
Computer Age Affects Report Card Format

This is the first year EBHS has used a "Mark-Sense" grading system. Therefore, some students experienced difficulty with their report cards.

The report cards recorded the number of times class was missed (excused and unexcused), the student's grade, and daily attendance. There was also a comment column, but this was used only by the junior high schools.

The computer handed out approximately thirty-forty thousand pieces of separate information. It presented back up information, the fail list, honor roll, which students received straight A's, how many times a student cut, and the grade distribution of the course, subject, and teacher.

This system seems easier for the teachers as they only have to fill in the grade, and check the attendance by filling in little circles. If a mistake had been made on a grade, the teacher was asked to make the correction and sign it to be verified next quarter.



ELVIS!

Places To Hide In EBHS

by Norman Scherer

As the school days go on, more and more people find new spots and places to go instead of classes.

The student council officers (who can easily escape) run to the student council office where they do important things such as count green and white rubber bands.

The jocks (or athletic supporters) always hide out in the locker room, taking in the smell of fresh sweat.

The brains may be found in the computer room talking to the math teachers or even more stimulating, the computer cards.

Most seniors are out in the parking lot, sitting alone in their cars honking to the gym classes or admiring their EBHS parking stickers.

Smokers hang out on the patio.

SMOKERS can usually be found in the apple orchard.

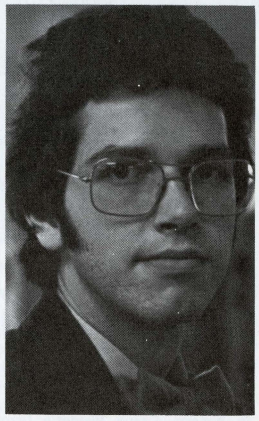
The people who hang out in the nurses office are a special breed. They are the ones who were hanging around the cafeteria at lunch time.

Other places include the AV room, the band room, the bottom of the hill (see SMOKERS #2), the humanities room, the telephones, the roof, and many other creative and unusual nooks and crannies students think of.

I asked one girl where she hung out. All she said was "My shirts, my shirts."

As a final investigation, I surveyed freaks and asked them their hideout. Yes, the students who are stoned out of their minds beyond reality. My results show that they are the only ones who ever go to classes.

Spotlight On New Teacher: MR. REDMAN



Mr. Redman enjoys his first year of teaching.

Mr. Redman, a new teacher in the English department, teaches Sophomore English and Creative Writing. He finds his students to be cooperative and interested in learning.

His personal philosophy about teaching is that there must be an interesting way to teach everything. This way he could interest students in things that have been previously presented poorly to them. Although, he has not yet had the time to develop all his ideas for making composition, grammar, and reading interesting, he is confident that he will find the means.

Mr. Redman also believes that a teacher should be honest with his students. For example, the only way to have students participate in a discussion is to also tell one's own true feelings on the topic. This is his own plan to open communication between the students and himself. As both a teacher and student teacher he has found that the faculty of EBHS is always very helpful and willing to exchange ideas.

Reflections

by Debbie Anderson & Sherri Galloway

What are your plans for Christmas vacation?

Scott Noar (senior)—Skiing, wrestling & loving, not necessarily in that order.

Mrs. Brown (teacher)—Staying home and relaxing.

Ken Bogen (senior)—To do as much skiing as possible.

Jackie Corson (senior)—Plans?

Mr. Faeth (teacher)—To rest and to practice.

Alexis Jetter (junior)—SLEEP, that conserves energy.

Esteban Sarmiento (senior)—Impeach Santa Claus.

Ed Denton (senior)—To continue my plights with the W.T.-7.

Louis Wisniewski (senior)—Go snow mobiling in Maine. Girl if interested call . . .

Maureen Maroney (sophomore)—Search for snow.

Laurie Slavin (senior)—Living it up . . .

Will Four Letter Words Be Edited From Folio Again?

by David Schwartz

In the course of the last Folio meeting, the subject of 4 letter "nasties" was discussed. Most of the people submitting original literature (stories, poems, songs, etc.) agreed that it is time to halt the archaic editing of swear words in public high school publications, such as Folio.

According to the Board of Education, this law or policy must be enforced. You're probably asking why . . . Right?

There are two main reasons why four letter words or profanity or whatever must be condemned.

First, so the person reading the piece won't be insulted by such raw "vulgarity" and secondly, so Dr. Burnett's office won't be flooded with telephone calls from angry mothers claiming that Folio hath robbed her son or daughter of their vocabulary's virginity.

Statistics taken from Dr. Tanglecheese Rickwood's recent study on adolescent awareness shows that 99 percent of E.B.H.S. students, or all high school students in America for that matter, have been conscious of these words and their definitions long before the neighborhood "bad boy" went into the local wooded area to sneak a cigarette.

Note: Dr. Rickwood has just left Grinnell and is on his way to the U. of O. to join a fellow eggman.

The main problem with the editing or censoring "staff" is that they don't realize that many literary works of art have four letter words in their contents and that they (the censoring staff) have hailed them as a "stroke" of genious.

Could this law of censoring be enforced because the Board of Education sincerely feels that four letter words can really infect one's morals, sex, beliefs, etc. or is it that they just don't want to go through the hassle of explaining their presence in a public high school publication to moms and dads who rather confine these "verbal sins" to their bottom dresser drawers?

Personally, I think the condemning of four letter words is BULL----!

Trippin' with Pippin

by Laurie Slavin

Fantastic! Terrific! Extraordinary! On December 6, 1973, the Humanities classes went to see "Pippin" at the Imperial Theater in New York. It was an extraordinary musical comedy about an extraordinary boy, Pippin, searching for an extraordinary life. "Pippin," indeed turned out to be remarkable. It was a circus, ballet, musical comedy: clowns, rock concert, magic, vaudeville all rolled into one great show. Despite the rain, students had a great time, seeing "Pippin," walking around New York, shopping, going to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, or St. John's Cathedral. It was a unusual field trip, befitting Humanities.

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PAINTING II	6	A. GASSER	D	06
OPEN	7			

Burnett, Lawson, Pape Take Control Of Situation

by Laura Kirschenbaum

In this time and age when many people turn their eyes from dangerous situations, it is a noteworthy occasion when bystanders disregard their personal safety for the sake of their contemporaries. We would like to salute three courageous men on their daring and successful efforts to extinguish a fire near Building 6.

During sixth period on November 28, 1973, Ken Burnett Jr. sighted a fire from Mr. Lawson's Composition I class in room 50. Without hesitation, Mr. Robert Lawson, previous winner of the Teacher of The Year Award, rushed to the scene closely followed by two students, Burnett and David Pape. As the entire class watched from the windows of room 50, the conflagration was extinguished. The only casualty was when Burnett accidentally extinguished Pape instead of the fire.

After the three heroes returned to class and were properly lauded by the eye-witness, class resumed. All were secure in the knowledge that the fire in the trash can had been successfully extinguished. That three innocent bystanders should not hesitate to face a dangerous situation without fear proves to us, in an age where daring deeds are rare, that men still care for the safety of their brothers.

Gentlemen, we salute you.

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Fall Sports:

Instant Replay

Football:

6 - 3

A record breaking defense turned a disastrous start into a highly respectable 6-3 year. The defense grabbed four shutouts and allowed a record breaking low of 80 points during the football season. The offense did their share by scoring 158 points.

The offense was based upon the balanced running attack of Marty Chomko and Rich Evans, who accumulated 498 and 494 yards respectively.

Eight lettermen will return next year. He feels that, "We'll have a good nucleus as far as passing offense, and with the development of Greg Gordon we should have a balanced attack." Coach Caseiro's six year record now stands at 36-15-3 for a .705 winning percentage.

Soccer:

11 - 2 - 2

Prior to the start of the season Coach Florek predicted a 9-7 season. Fortunately he was wrong. The Bears finished a strong 11-2-2 on the basis of a stingy defense. The defense allowed just 10 goals which set a new team record for fewest goals allowed in a season. The offense managed to put the ball in the opposing net 36 times.

The high point of the season was the 1-0 win over arch-rival St. Joseph. It was the first victory over the parochial school in five years.

Tom Hoyt and Paul Boren were selected first team All County. Tim Kelly received second team honors and Terry Dwyer was given honorable mention. Twelve seniors will be graduating and six juniors will return.

Coach Florek's 13 year career record now stands at 133-47-23 for a .738 winning percentage.

X-Country:

12 - 1

"We try to have fun," says Coach Horvath. "We don't emphasize big meets or championships." If the Cross Country team can produce a 12-1 record and still have fun, then Mr. Horvath deserves Coach of the Year honors.

Eight senior letter winners will be graduating. Four junior and four sophomore lettermen will return.

The Top Sophomore Award went to Ken Greenly. The Top Junior Award went to Mark Christopher. The Top Senior Award went to Dave Broad, whose 16:01 was the best time of the year. The Coaches Award went to Ken Heitzenroder.

Assistant Coach Benson's JV squad went undefeated and continued its winning skein to 60 meets. Coach Horvath's 12 year record now stands at 137-42 for a .765 winning percentage.

Bruce McDowell performs on the side horse.

The Real Green Machine

The East Brunswick gymnastics team is seeking its sixth consecutive state title. East Brunswick has won every state championship in history. Coach Weider's team was 14-2 last year, losing only to the Army and Navy JV teams. Only one senior graduated from last year's team. Returning Bear gymnasts captured 4 out of the 7 individual state titles available. You might say that East Brunswick is a slight favorite to be state champs again.

The team is based around the senior quartet of Marc Gaertner, Noel Gaertner, Albert Kwiatowski, and Kent Nasveschuk. Last year's State Individual Championships was completely dominated by these four athletes. Marc finished second in tumbling, third on the horizontal bar, and tied with his twin brother for the runnerup spot in vaulting. Noel also finished second in the still ring competition and third in tumbling. Albert finished third on the side horse, second on the horizontal bar, third in the all around competition, and successfully defended his parellal bars title. Kent was third in vaulting, second on the parrellel abrs, second on the side horse, first in tumbling, first on the horizontal bar, and was the top all around gymnast.

The other gymnasts on what Coach Weider calls probably his best team ever are Junior Bill Dobrynski, Greg Tomori and Sophomores Roy Kieffer and Tom Tischhauser. Coach Weider's 11 year career record now stands at 87-15-2 for a .852 winning percentage.

Old, New Girls Mesh For Winning Season

Since November 22, the girl's gymnastics team has been practicing for 1973-74 season. According to Barbara Burmeister, co-captain of the team, because the practices have been "hard" the team should look very good for the meets, the counties and sectionals.

The team consists of the "old" girls, Cheryl Heinze - captain, Barbara - co-captain, Laura Burmeister, Anne Groves, Tara Donohue, Joanne Callahan, Leslie Sanders, Courtney Slorance, and some "newcomers".

The coach of the team is Mrs. Florek, who thinks her team is twice as good as last year, and hopes for continual improvement later in the season. "The 'old' girls are really helpful. They spend a lot of time with the new girls on certain tricks and routines."

Some of the "new" girls on the team are Marilyn Barbosa, junior, Lisa Spenser, junior, Jamie Nesh, sophomore, and Doreen Tinsman, sophomore. Marilyn thinks that, "If a person wants to be a good gymnast, he has to have the patience and time to use the help given to them. Most of all, I think you have to want to learn." According to Captain Cheryl Heinze, most of the newcomers "look really good and have a lot of potential. The season looks promising and with experienced seniors we should make it all the way."

Girls Basketball:

Skilled and Eager

The Girl's Basketball team this year, after an upsetting season last year, has started out with a more skilled, eager and spirited team.

There are eight returnees from last year consisting of Tiny Bogusz, Cindy Borgese, Sue Emery, Lori Gagliardi, Debbie Graffeo, Lynn Grande, Debbie Karvelas and Meg McNally. Miss Birch, who will be coaching the team for her second year, has a number of new prospects including 11th graders Debbie Falkenbach and Jeanie Tomas and 10th grader Mary Cockill whose height promises to be an asset. One good start for the season has been the establishment of a conference under the NJSIAA rules for the first time.

Varsity W. T. finished their season with a record of 2-0.

Depth Aids Prospects For Winning Season

"If we can get 9 or 10 guys to play cohesively," says Coach Emery, "we can have a successful season." Emery has just two lettermen returning from last year's 17-4 MCAC championship team. One of those two is senior Mike McSween, who is entering his third year as a starter. This year Mike will switch from his customary forward spot to the center position. The other letterman is last year's sixth man, senior Jack Bibby. This year, unlike last year, the Bears should have plenty of depth. This depth allows Emery to strategically use different lineups. Some of the people Coach Emery is depending upon to fill the lineup with are: juniors Pat McSween, Bob Burdick, seniors Dan Russell, Paul Caubet, Terry Dwyer, and Mark Koppel.

Emery, whose 14 year career record stands at 161-124 for a .635 winning percentage, hopes to zone press the whole game. The Bears will operate a clock offense which utilizes the team's strong outside shooting. The team is shorter than most of the East Brunswick teams of the past. This lack of size could be a problem against tough teams like JFK, Perth Amboy, and Sayreville.

Jack Bibby shows good form in the South Braunswick scrimmage.

Track:

...After Title

"We've become a major sport," says Head Coach Kaznosky. "Fifty guys went out and that gives us a lot of depth." The traditionally strong winter track team finished with a 10-1 record last year. The lone defeat was at the hands of J. P. Stevens. The defeat cost them the MCAC title. "We lost the title last year," says the Head Coach, "but we don't intend to repeat as losers."

The team strengths lie in the field events and in the distance races. Some of the proven performers are defending state high bar champ Ron Liteplo, shotputter Wayne Gordon, quarter milers Kevin Kirkley and Marc Miller, and distance men Daryl Bowman and Dave Broad. The team is weak in the sprints, but Coach Kaznosky and Assistant Coach Brophy feel confident that some of the sprinters can develop.

New Coach Depends On Old Grapplers

New head coach Carl Faeth has nine returning lettermen from last year's 8-5-1 team. They are juniors Noodles Mironov, Dave Pape, seniors Mike Burrell, Kevin Raferty, Esteban Sarmiento, Dave Fyffe, Roy DeBoer, Scott Noar, and Bob Gavin. Gavin had a 13-6 regular season, finished third in the District 22 Wrestling Tournament, and won the Coaches' Wrestling Award.

The Bears have a rough schedule this year with tough meets against Cedar Ridge, Hunterdon-Central, J. P. Stevens, and Madison. Coach Faeth is, "depending on the seniors for the varsity and for leadership."

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